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Nakamachi Scanlations

ACT 49 - Circles of a lost time [Part I]



EVEN AGAINST SO
MANY OF THEM...



HE NEVER LOSES!



MY BROTHER IS SO
COOL!

HEY,
STOP
CRYING!



HL
FF

HL
FF



A LONG TIME
AGO, TO WATER
THE RICE FIELDS,
THE PEASANTS
DIDN'T USE
TOOLS.



HE ALWAYS
TOLD ME
STORIES.

HE USED TO
READ BOOKS
FOR ME.



HMMM. SO USING
MACHINES WAS A NO
GOOD, HUH, BIG
BROTHER?



THEY THOUGHT
THAT THE FEELING
OF RELYING ON
MACHINES WOULD
CORRUPT THEIR
PURE HEARTS.

WHY IS THAT,
SOMEONE
WONDERED.



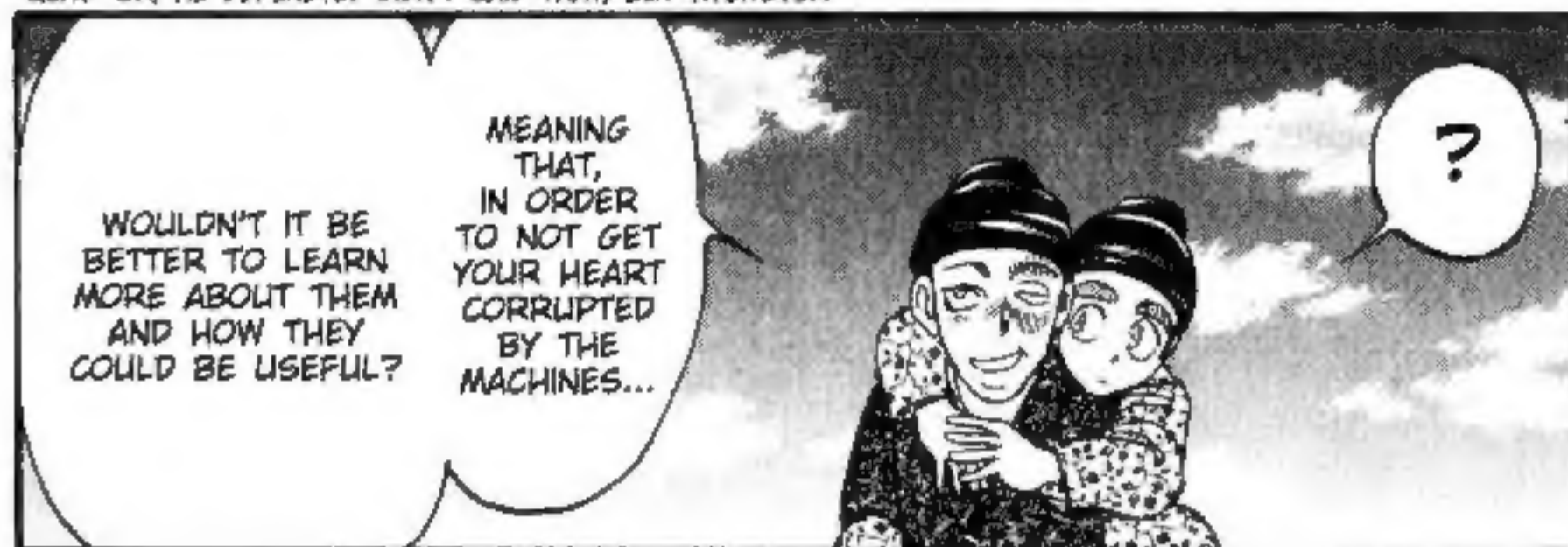
TO LIVE IS NOT
TO KEEP THESE
THINGS AWAY, BUT
TO WRAP IT IN
YOURSELF AND TO
LIVE AS IT IS.



A GREAT
MAN CALLED
CONFUCIUS
HEARD ABOUT
THAT AND
SAID SOME-
THING LIKE
THIS.

BUT
HISTORY
DIDN'T END
THERE.

QC/N: OK, HE DEFINETLY DIDN'T SAID THAT, BUT WHATEVER

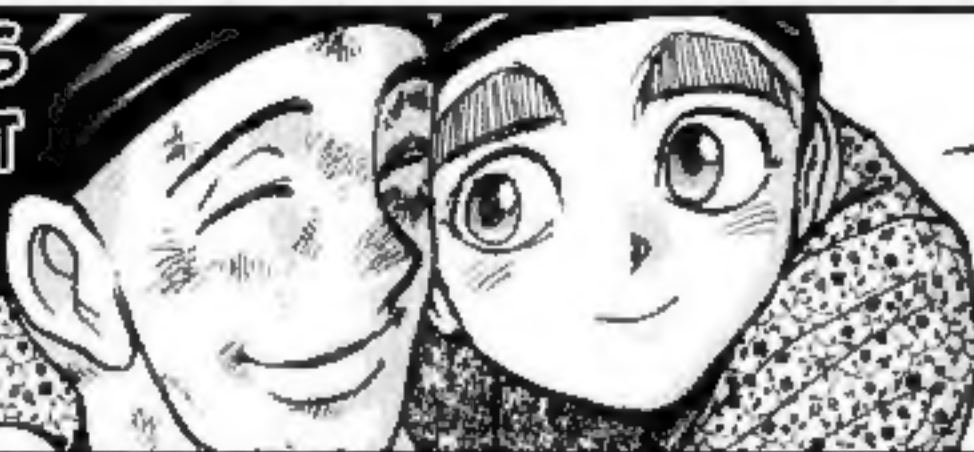


WOULDN'T IT BE
BETTER TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT THEM
AND HOW THEY
COULD BE USEFUL?

MEANING
THAT,
IN ORDER
TO NOT GET
YOUR HEART
CORRUPTED
BY THE
MACHINES...

?

FOR ME, BIG BROTHER'S
STORIES WERE DIFFICULT
TO UNDERSTAND, BUT
THEY WERE THE BEST
MOMENTS.



HMMM.

I LOVED MY BROTHER.

I REALLY...





CARRY HIM!

IT'S OKAY, HOLD IT!

PRESENT TIME.
KUROGA VILLAGE,
CHIEF'S RESIDENCE.



I DON'T KNOW
BUT IT'S BETTER
TO BRING HIM
TO MR. SHOUJI.

WHAT
IS HE
SAYING
?



I LOVED MY
BROTHER.



BESIDES, SHOUJI
AND I KNOW
NOTHING ABOUT
DEAN'S PAST.

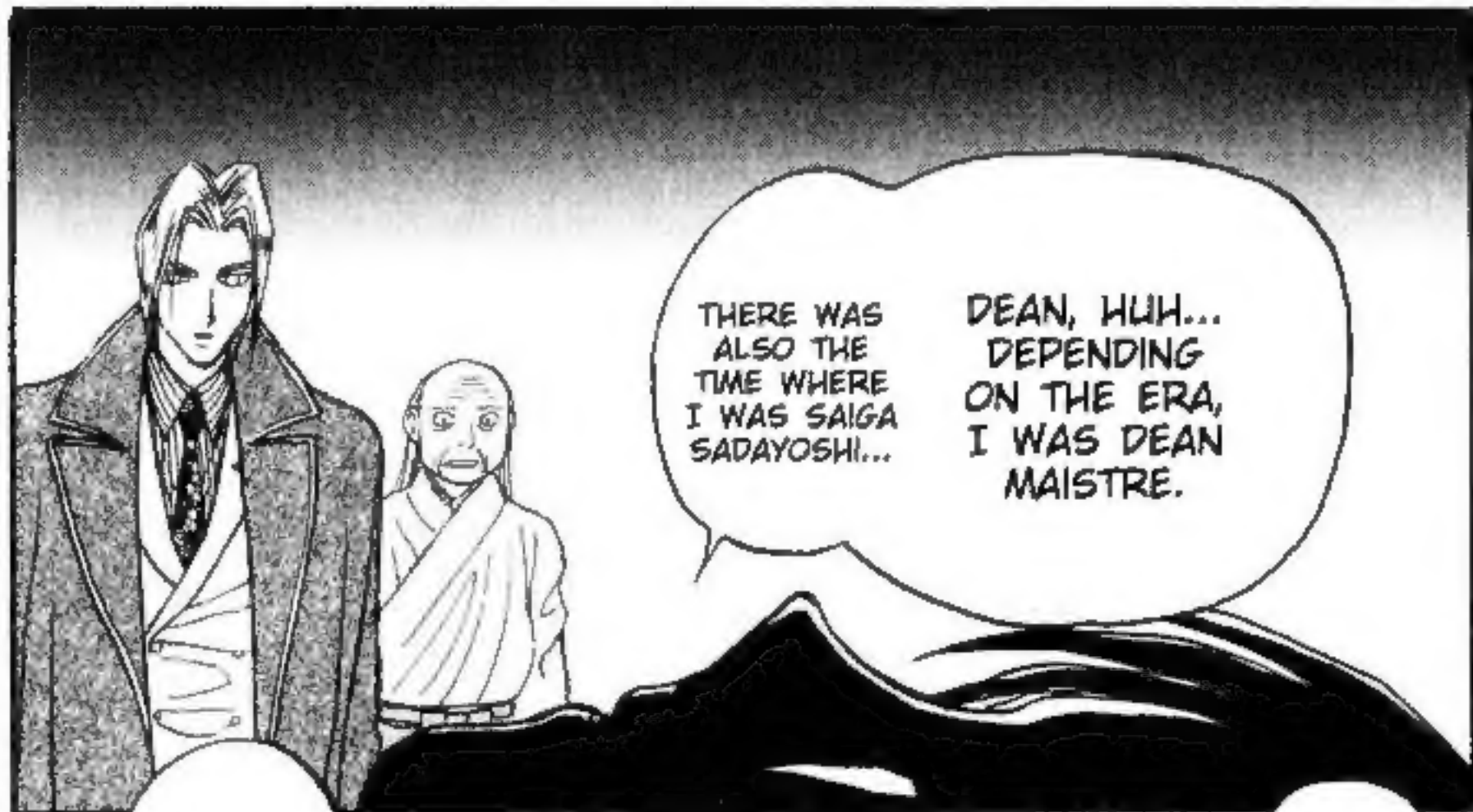


ESPECIALLY
IF, AS HE
SAID, THIS
STORY DATES
FROM 230
YEARS AGO.



YES, BUT
THIS THING'S
STORY INTER-
ESTS ME...

THAT WAS
CLOSE.
JUST A
LITTLE MORE
AND THAT
SADAYOSHI
WOULD'VE
BEEN DEAD.



THERE WAS
ALSO THE
TIME WHERE
I WAS SAIGA
SADAYOSHI...

DEAN, HUH...
DEPENDING
ON THE ERA,
I WAS DEAN
MAISTRE.

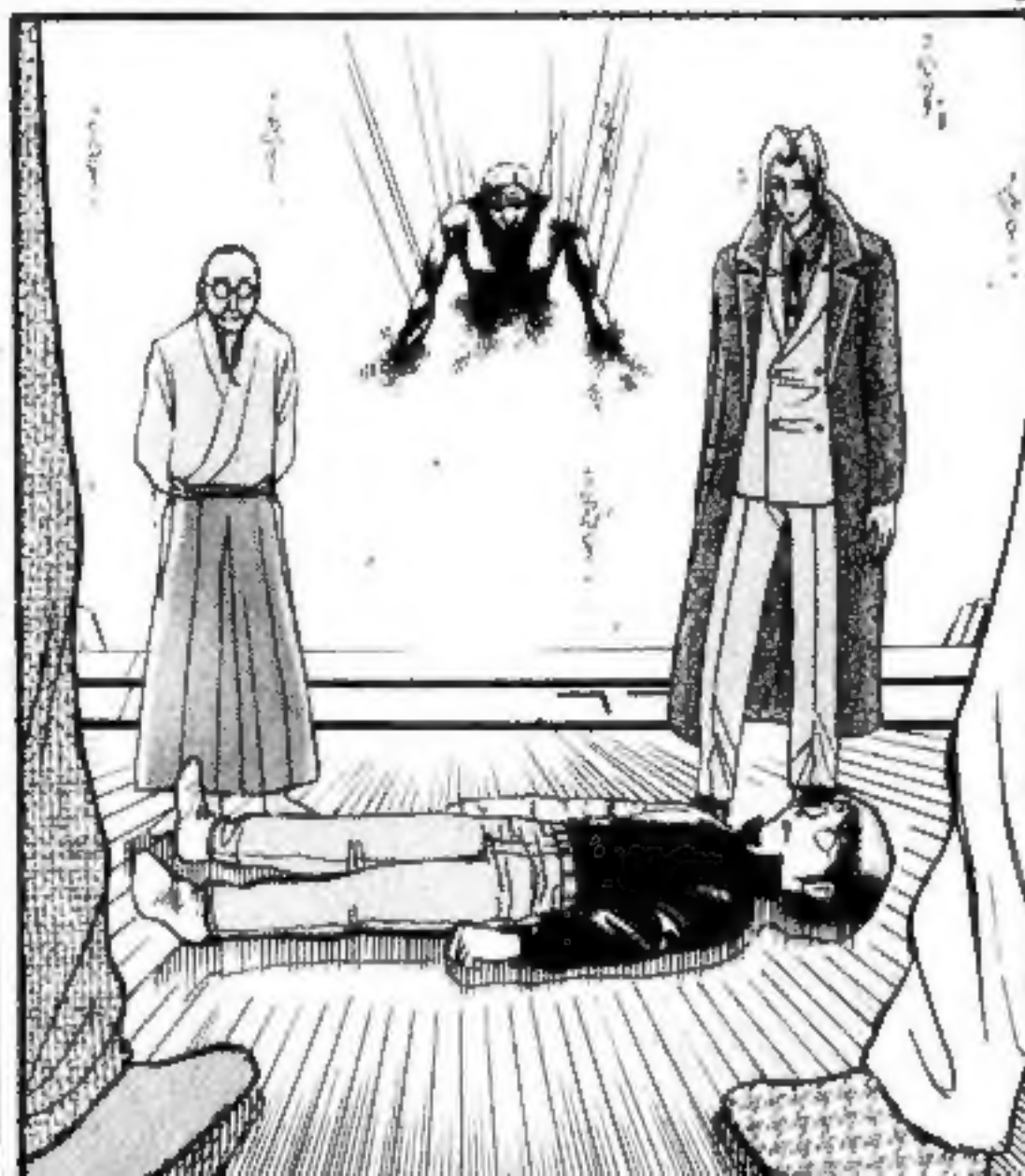


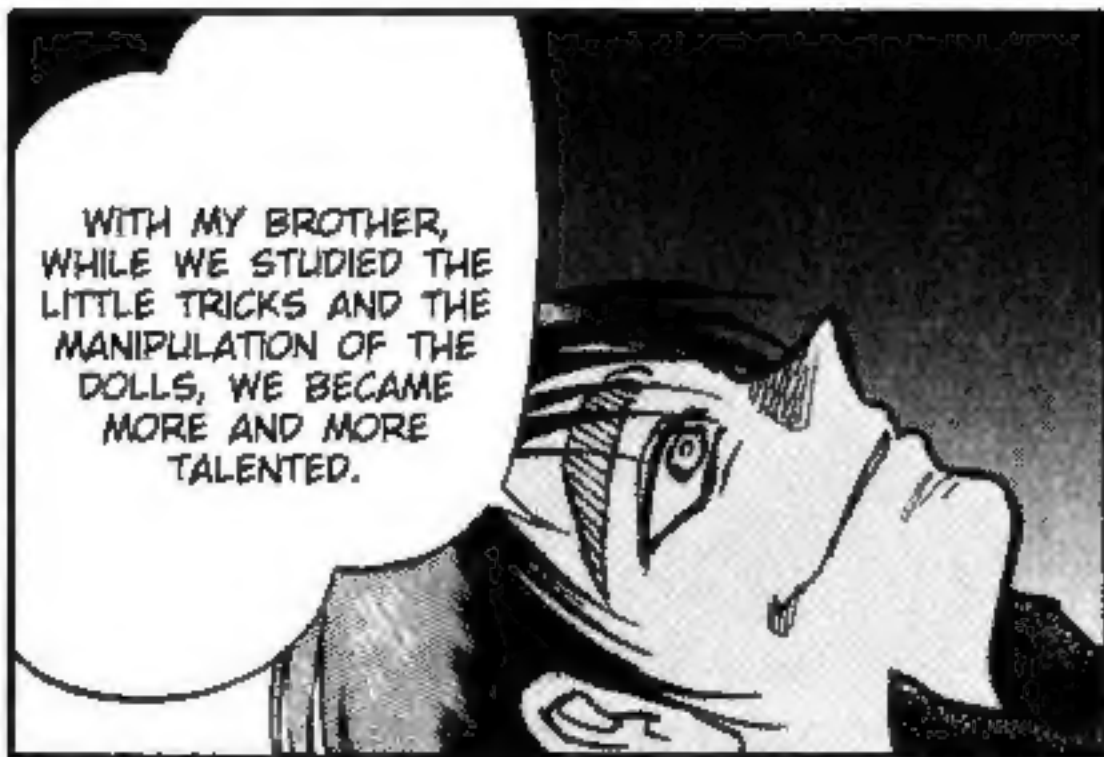
DON'T MATCH
ANY OF
THOSE TWO
ERAS.

BUT...
THESE
MEMORIES...



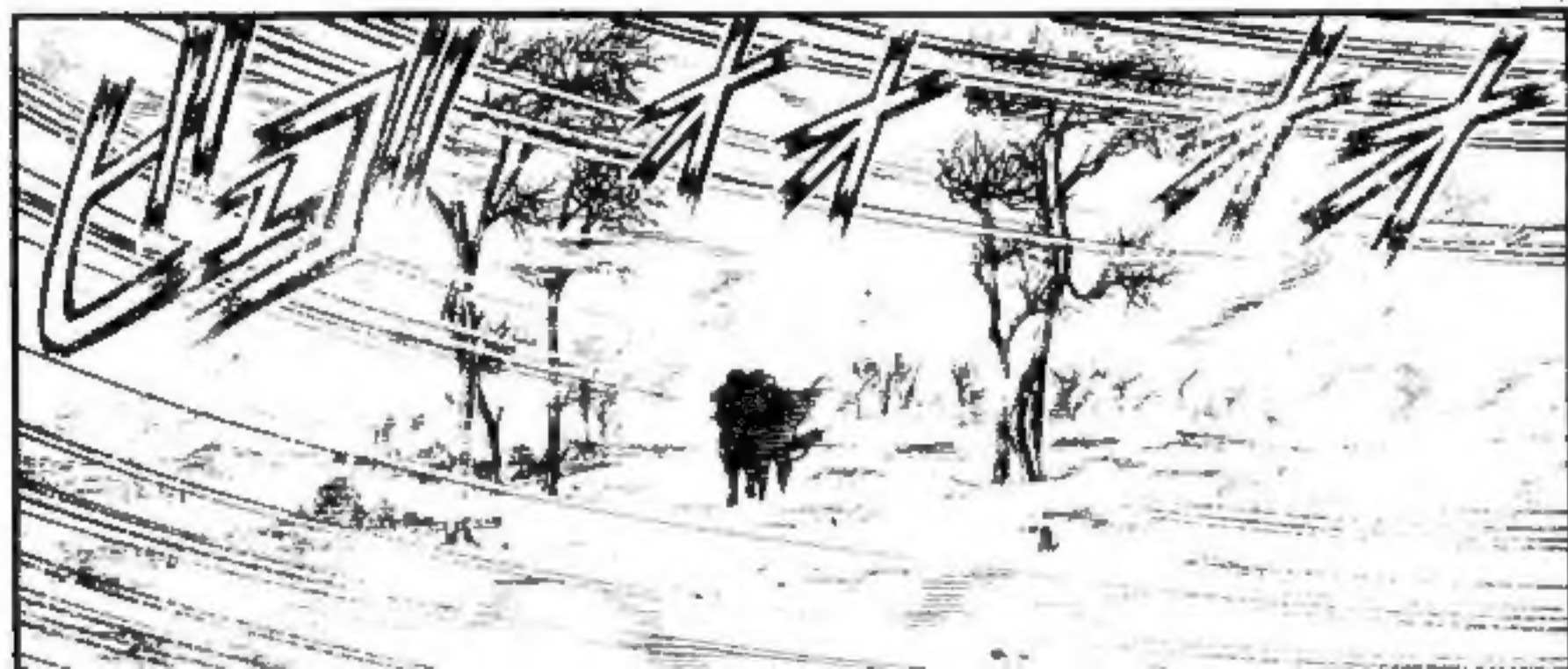
I WAS
FROM A
FAMILY OF
PUPPE-
TEERS.





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ALL I COULD SAY WAS
"YES".



THAT'S WHY,
WHEN MY
BROTHER YIN
SAID "SHALL
WE GO
TO STUDY
HOW TO
MAKE DOLLS
CLOSER TO
HUMANS?"...

HANG ON,
JIN! WE'RE
ALMOST
THERE!



IF I
FOLLOW-
ED MY
BROTHER,
IT WOULD
BE FINE.



OVER
THERE,
JIN!

AFTER
ALL...



BROTHER YIN
ALWAYS WAITED
FOR ME...

AND HELD MY
HAND!



**DURING OUR
STAY, I MET
A WOMAN...**



**TO
LEARN
HOW TO
BRING
OUR
DOLLS
TO LIFE.**

**WE
STUDIED
ALCHEMY
...**

**OUR DESTINATION
WAS PRAGUE.**



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**She was a
peasant
selling apples.**

**Her name was
Francine.**





EVERYTIME I MET WITH
HER WAS FUN...

C-CAN I
HAVE AN
APPLE?

OH! MR.
JIN!

FRAN-
CINE.

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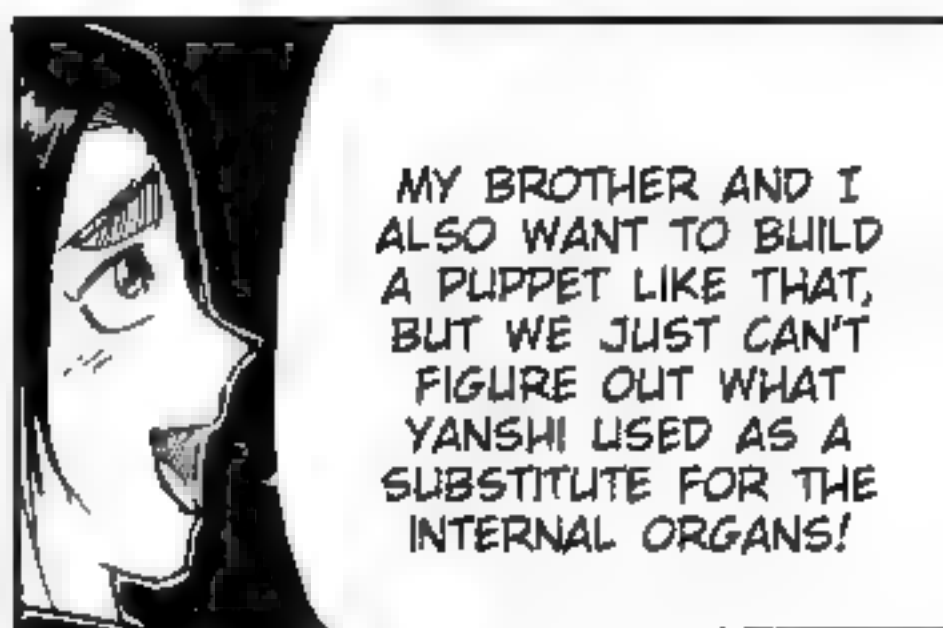


AND, ABOUT THE
PUPPET FROM THE
LEGENDARY PUPPE-
TEER YANSHI,

IT WAS MY FIRST
TIME DOING SOME-
THING LIKE THAT.

FOR ME, WHO HAD
ALWAYS BEEN IN THE PATH
OF STUDY AND BARELY
HAD ANY CONTACT WITH
WOMEN,







PRECIOUS
CHILD,
DEAREST
CHILD,



I DID NOT REALIZE THAT
I HAD FALLEN ASLEEP.

I MUST HAVE BEEN
TIRED FROM ALL THE
DAILY STUDYING.

NOT
AT
ALL.



YOUR BED
SAILS AWAY



LIKE THE
LEAVES
DANCING
IN THE
WIND,



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MAY YOU
BLESS
US ALL
SOMEDAY

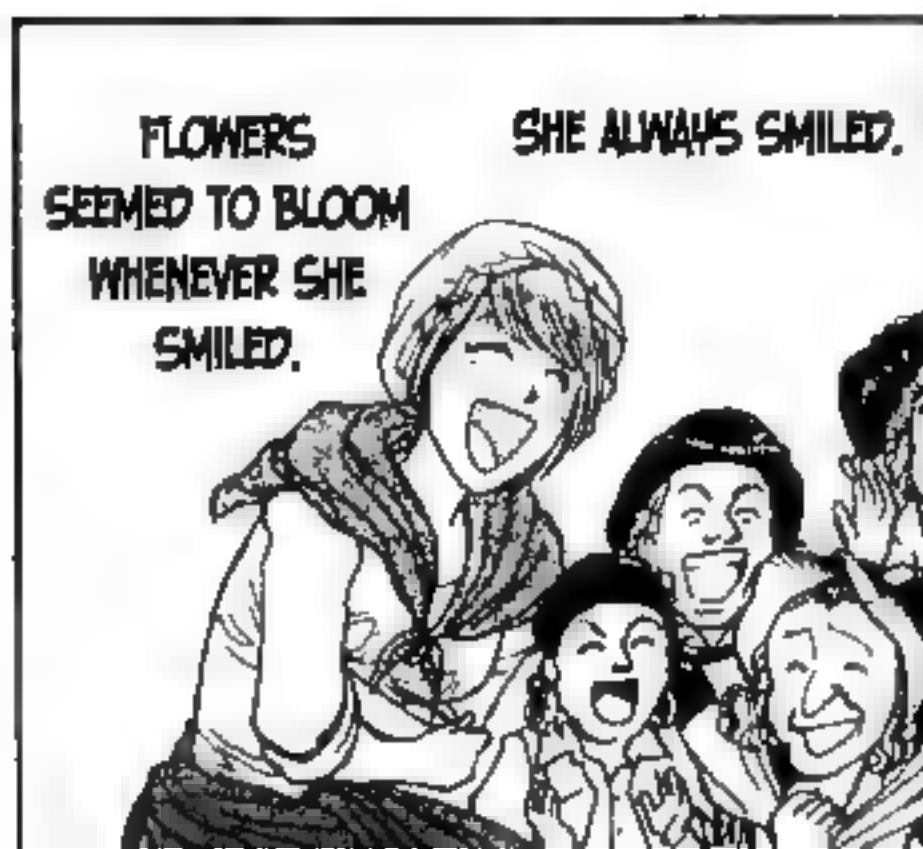


OUR
FATHER,
WHO ART
IN HEAVEN,
GIVE THIS
CHILD ONE
BLESSING,
GIVE US
ALL ONE
BLESSING





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AND I WAS THE ONLY ONE
DRUNK.

I HAD A LOT OF FUN THEN.



BUT,
DURING
THAT
CARNIVAL
NIGHT...

I WISH I DIDN'T FELL ASLEEP THAT NIGHT.



BECAUSE IT WAS SOON
AFTER THAT NIGHT THAT
MY BROTHER SUDDENLY
STARTED SAYING
STRANGE THINGS.

IF NO
ONE CAN
FOLLOW
IT?

JIN, WHAT IS THE
POINT OF ILLUMINAT-
ING A PATH...

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I STARTED
TO THINK THAT...
AFTER SOMETHING
HAPPENED THE
OTHER DAY...

WHY ARE YOU
SAYING THIS
NOW?!



WE STUDY
ALCHEMY TO
MAKE OUR
PLUPPETS
BECOME LIKE
HUMANS, DON'T
WE?

W-WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING,
BROTHER.

SHE WAS THE
TYPE OF GIRL
WHO ALWAYS
WORRIED ABOUT
OTHERS, AND I
KNEW THAT.



FRANCINE!

WHEN HE SAID
THAT, I STARTED
TO THINK ABOUT IT.



SO, DID MY BROTHER
ALSO LOVE FRANCINE?

FRAN-
CINE?



BROTHER...
BY SOME-
THING, YOU
MEAN...



BROTHER...
COULD IT BE THAT...

AND YOU'RE
JUST GOING
TO BUTT IN
AND STEAL
HER...?

I WAS THE
ONE WHO
FEEL IN
LOVE WITH
FRANCINE
FIRST...



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BROTHER...

WAIT A SEC,
BROTHER...

THAT CAN'T BE...



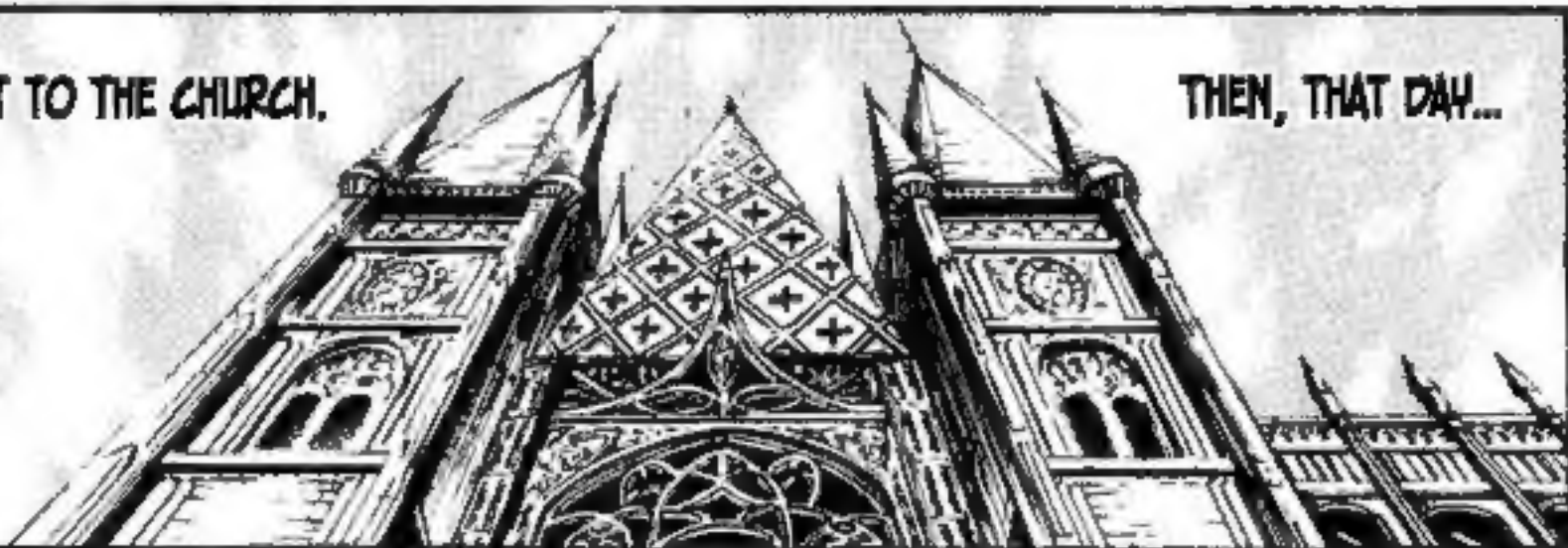
**IT CAN'T BE! I
DON'T WANT TO
HATE YOU,
BROTHER!**



BROTHER!!

I WENT TO THE CHURCH.

THEN, THAT DAY...

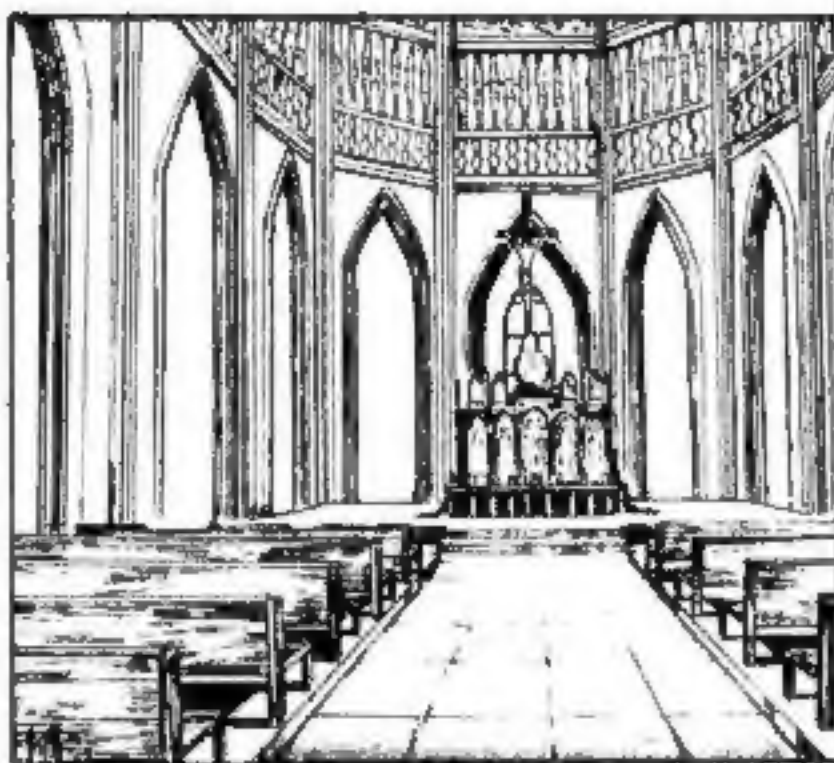
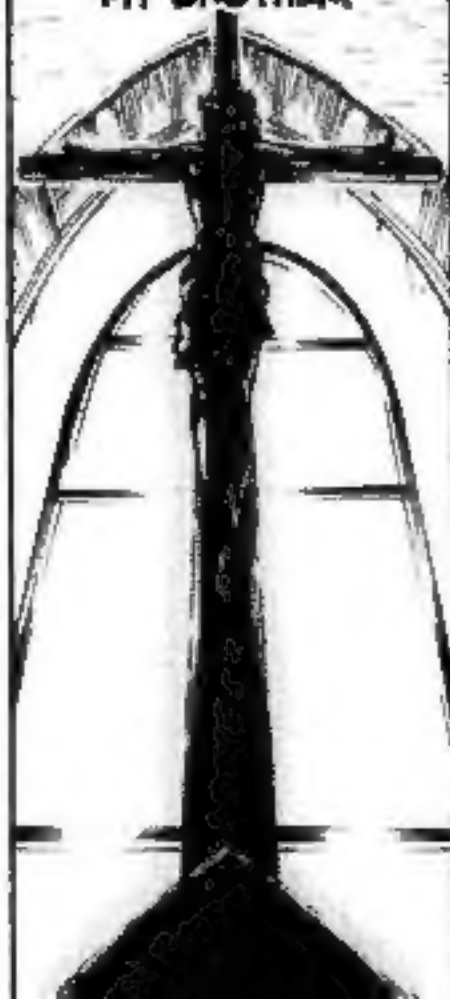


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**THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S NOT
ABOUT WHO LIKED HER
FIRST. I WAS FORGET-
TING ABOUT THE MOST
IMPORTANT THING:
FRANCINE'S FEELINGS.**



**I WAS REFLECTING
ON MY BAD
ATTITUDE TOWARDS
MY BROTHER.**



**EVEN IF I WASN'T RELIGIOUS
MYSELF...**



**THE SERENE ATMOSPHERE THERE
CALMED MY HEART.**



FRANCINE.



THAT'S RIGHT, I'LL
CONFIRM THEM.

AT THAT MOMENT, I WAS
LEAVING THE CHURCH...



WILL YOU
MARRY ME?



AND THEN, THAT DAY...

WHY DID I GO TO THE CHURCH?!



ARGH, WHY DID I
DRINK TOO MUCH
THAT NIGHT?



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